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REPRESENTATIVE OPINIONS OF THE
NEW ENGLAND MINISTRY.

Rev. William R. Clark, D. D.
NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

I shall vote for the admission of women as dele-
gates to the General Conference for the following
among other reasons:—

1. Self-interest demands it. (a) We have
asked for the judgment of the laymen as a ground
on which to take final action, and by a majority of
about two to one they have answered, "Yes." The
large proportion of these voters on either side are
doubtless among the most intelligent and active of
our members. Now to ignore that judgment, would
make the question more than ever like "the ghost of
Banquo that will not down." (b) The liberal inter-
pretation of the Scriptures, by which we have, from
the first, advanced woman to work and position in
the church, requires that we give her a seat in the
General Conference whenever a wise expediency
shall demand it.
2. The women, by their work in the cause of
missions and reform, have shown capacity for com-
prehending and pushing great religious and ethical
movements, which entitles them to a place in the
highest councils of the church, especially since their
own enterprises, having already preceded their pres-
ence, come regularly before that body for its action.
3. Enlarged opportunities and responsibilities
will occur in women, as in men, a healthier de-
velopment; if they make man more manly, will
they make woman less womanly? Has Victoria
been less a wife and mother because of her crown?
4. The great era of world-wide enterprises upon
which the church is entering, demands the instinc-
tive judgment, the deliberative wisdom, the con-
science, faith and enthusiasm of woman. We need
to look at these enterprises through woman's, as well
as man's, eyes. The united wisdom of the whole
church will be only adequate to the responsibilities
which the next century will impose.

Newton Centre, Mass.

Rev. James Thurston.
NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

1. I shall vote "Yes."
2. It cannot be morally wrong.
3. It is not un-Scriptural. I have seen the Bible
used by good men against total abstinence; to de-
fend slavery; and against lay delegation. I was in
all those fights. Where are those interpretations now?
If remembered at all, it is only to be laughed at. The
logic of events has settled these matters.
4. Neither the women, nor woman in general, will
be hurt by it. It has nothing to do with woman suf-
frage or woman preaching.
5. Being so large, intelligent, loyal and useful an
element in the church, it seems expedient that they
should have a place in the General Conference.
6. Do our brethren who oppose this movement so
strangely, think it probable or possible that one
defeat will quiet it? It can never be as though it
had never been. The friends of this measure are
no fanatics or revolutionists. None love the church
more, or serve her better. The isolated cases of ex-
travagant and foolish talk and action, if such exist,
are less than are generally found in reformatory
movements. It is not fair to parade these as bug-
bears to scare us from our purpose. Seeing, then,
that the question is up, and will not down, and seeing
it is not a wicked or dangerous movement, my
view is that it would better be settled now, and
further debate and confusion, which are sure to come
and continue till the consummation, be avoided.
7. What is the General Conference but a gathering
of the church, to confer, by her representatives, in
regard to the best ways of carrying on her work? Is
it in any proper sense a law-making body? Does
not Christ give the church her laws? As to the pre-
sidential regulations by which her work is to be pro-
ceeded, it would seem too common sense and fair
play that all classes of the workers should have a
voice in making them.

Rev. A. L. Cooper, D. D.
VERMONT CONFERENCE.

I expect to vote for the admission of women to the
General Conference. I believe in the women of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, and I also believe they
ought to occupy any and every position Providence
opens to them, and for which they are proven to be
qualified, by education, intelligence and service.
When electoral conferences, made up almost entirely
of men, elect this class of women to the General
Conference, it seems like the index finger of Provi-
dence pointing in that direction, with the force of a
divine call.

Whether the General Conference adopts "the two-
house plan," or remains as at present constituted, the
able and godly laymen elected to this body may very
truly be allowed to be judges of the qualification of
its lay delegates. If laymen elect women as delegates
to the General Conference, and welcome them to seats
with them, why should the ministerial delegates ob-
ject, while they constitute so large a majority of the
Conference? Let the combined wisdom of the
church, under the guidance of its great Head, rightly
settle this and all other questions of vital interest
connected with its future triumph.

Island Pond, Vt.

Rev. D. P. Leavitt.
NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

1. The first and principal reason why woman
should be admitted to the General Conference, is
that there is no reason why she should not be
admitted. Grave fears are expressed of what may
be the outcome—fears of preaching, ordination,
suffrage; but against the measure itself no valid ar-
gument is adduced. Woman's record in the past af-
fords no basis for fear concerning what she will do in
the future, even with increased rights and responsi-
bilities.
2. The changed condition of woman justifies her
admission to the highest council of the church. Once
her position was circumscribed, but she has made a
place for herself almost everywhere except in a Gen-

eral Conference. Her wonderful development is the
distinguishing characteristic as well as the marvel of
the age. All that she asks to-day is opportunity.

3. The only way of developing the best, either in
man or woman, is by investing with responsibility
and imposing high duties. The great connectional
interests of Methodism have been beyond woman's
range in the past, not on account of incapacity on her
part, but because she has been denied any place in
legislation and in the administration of law. The
movement of to-day aims at giving her a voice
where silence has been enforced. Equal rights im-
pose equal duties, and equal opportunities open the
way to equal achievements.

4. Woman has capacity. The best reason for al-
lowing any one to do a given work is the ability to
perform it. Woman has intelligence, education,
judgment, tact, eloquence, piety. If it were a new
question, there would not be any question, more
than whether woman is qualified to perform the du-
ties of a wife. Custom determines more questions
than judgment. Precedent is more powerful than
common sense. Suppose Methodism were to-day
making its first constitution; with the light of the
present time, with the present position of woman, is
it probable that she would be excluded from the
General Conference? But now she has been in, and
so she must not go out. Again, man is in, and he
must not go out; not one of the four hundred and
sixty-three delegates to make room for the five lone
woman delegates! The truth is, man loves place
and power, and he never willingly resigns them.
That is what is the matter with the woman question.
So many women displace so many men, who wish
very much to be there. I would not charge this if
some of the opponents of woman's admission had
not proclaimed it.

South Manchester, Conn.

Chaplain D. H. Tribou, U. S. N.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE.

I shall vote for the admission of women to the
General Conference because I can find no sufficient
reason for voting otherwise. I am somewhat of a
conservative, but conservatism is quite as likely to
be due to prejudice as to judgment, and he must
needs be a bold man who would vote against so
large a majority of the working force of the church
unless he were convinced that the views of the ma-
jority are un-Scriptural. The lay vote came from
the prayer-meeting, from the very life of the church,
and ministers may well hesitate before they disregard
the wishes of those who are always at work for the
best interests of the kingdom of God. If any think
the proposed change is un-Scriptural, there is no
choice but to vote against it; but where this objec-
tion does not obtain, it seems to me that since the
church is led by the Holy Spirit, and the trend of
the forward movement of the church is in the direc-
tion of the widest liberty for women, ministers are
morally bound to vote with the manifest leadings of
the Spirit. It is a question where the final appeal
rests with the convictions, and not with the judg-
ment.

U. S. Naval Home, Philadelphia.

Rev. W. S. McIntire.
MAINE CONFERENCE.

I shall vote for the admission of women to the
General Conference.

1. Because it is right. The church is composed
largely of women. They sustain our prayer and
class-meetings. They compose the larger part of our
band of Sunday-school teachers. They contribute
largely to our benevolences and church expenses.
They ought to have a voice in enacting the laws of the
church, and in the selection of the general superintend-
ents, editors, and secretaries of our benevolent so-
cieties.
2. Because it is expedient. She is the peer of her
brother in wisdom, foresight and executive ability,
and we cannot afford to deny the church the ben-
efits bestowed upon her by our common Father.

Leviston, Maine.

Rev. J. W. Hamilton, D. D.
NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

I am in favor of the admission of women to the
General Conference because I am a Methodist.
Nothing has distinguished Methodism more credit-
ably than its treatment of woman, doctrinally and
ecclesiastically.

I am not surprised that some of the gone-by no-
tions of un-Methodistic churches should be held by
certain brethren among us, but they are none the less
un-Methodistic. Our opponents in the church, as
out of it, risk their whole argument on the Scriptural
claim, and set Paul against Christ for their Scrip-
ture.

What do Methodists teach? What the whole Bible
teaches. They recognize marriage as one institution,
and the church government as quite another. They
find nowhere in the Scripture that man's headship
in the family determines his headship in the church.
Christ is the head of the church. And woman's place
in the family before her sin, is quite a different thing
from what it was under her sin.

John Wesley, in speaking of woman before her
fall, says she was "a she man, differing from man in
sex only, not in nature." "The original law," says
Richard Watson, "had an admirable adaptation, and
tends more than any other to make them one soul as
well as 'one flesh.'" Adam Clarke says: "At
their creation both were formed with equal rights,
and the woman had as much right to rule as the
man." After her sin the woman was in subjection, but
not more than one man. "Unto the woman he
said, 'Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he
shall rule over thee (Genesis 3: 16).'" Adam Clarke
says: "Subjection to the will of her husband is not
part of her curse." It is amazing to find how eager
good men are to take advantage of the woman's pun-
ishment for sin, as if "in vengeance gloating on an-
other's pain," to insist that such punishment must be
perpetuated even in the Christian Church.

But has the Gospel done nothing for woman?
Jesus came to re-establish the validity of the first
law (Matt. 19: 5). Jesus affirmed, Mr. Watson
says, "the spirit and influence of His own religion
in bringing in again the original law of marriage in
all its force." And this implies, as Dr. Clarke says,
"that the woman was to be a perfect resemblance of
the man, possessing neither inferiority nor superiority,
but being in all things like and equal to him-
self." "The true idea of the family," according to
Dr. Whedon, "is a unity of love in which the com-
mand is the expression of the common happiness,
and obedience is a loving concurrence of wills."

And it is Paul himself who says: "There is neither
male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ
Jesus." That is to say, as John Wesley observes,
"Neither is excluded; neither is preferred before
the other in His kingdom." Dr. Whedon says:
"The terms and privileges of salvation know no
sex." Adam Clarke says: "Under the blessed
spirit of Christianity they have equal rights, equal
privileges and equal blessings; and, let me add, they
are equally useful."

When the "old school" prophets plant themselves
on 1 Cor. 14: 33, 34, 35 and 1 Tim. 2: 11-15, it is
amazing to find them deserting their Greek. They

don't seem to know that Paul is speaking to wives,
and such wives! Brothers, look up your Westcott
and Hort, or Tischendorf, or Regenes.

But I know how difficult it is to rid one's self of
opinions which are inherited. I have much charity
for brethren who have been turning and rending
their own legislation, when it has brought them to
defeat. And I presume we must expect them to dis-
card Wesley and Watson, and Clarke and Whedon,
when they would wrest the Scriptures to the destruc-
tion of Methodist doctrine and usage. Forget not,
however, that we be brethren, and some of us are
Methodists.

East Boston, Mass.

Rev. O. W. Scott.
NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

We believe that women should be admitted to
membership in the General Conference, because—

1. Of their powerful and elevating influence.
The excitement among the "brethren" these days
proves that Methodist women can rock the cradle and
rock the church at the same time.
2. Of their conceded ability. Their triumphs in
law, literature, art, medicine, the editorial chair, on
the rostrum and in the pulpit, are of daily record.
Study the career of Methodist women only, and
abundant proof is at hand.
3. They are needed in our chief legislative body.
Educational, proprietary, benevolent interests, mis-
sionary and reformatory matters, where experience
and a tender sympathy contribute to right deci-
sions, demand their presence and co-operation.

It would not be out of harmony with Biblical
teaching. Having read the Scriptural arguments of
some of the "sons of thunder" of Methodism, we
remain unconvinced by their "scyllas." Such in-
terpretations should have been dismissed with the
custom of "washing the saints' feet," "greeting
each other with a holy kiss," and Paul's charge con-
cerning "slaves."

It will be an act of justice. Shall women of
this century, ripe with the choicest Christian cul-
ture, be refused admission to the highest councils of
the church, while the colored man of Liberia and
Louisiana, and brethren just out of pagan environ-
ments, enter almost without challenge, simply be-
cause they are males? Justice! Shall women who
are called upon to do the drudgery of the church,
and pay many of its bills, reap none of its emolu-
ments? "Taxation without representation" was a
device under which our revolutionary fathers rebelled.
Their daughters live to-day.

It is in harmony with the aggressive spirit of
Methodism. This wave cannot be turned back un-
less God wills it. A former wave swept away the
distinctions of color and nationality, and the coming
one will sweep away unjust discriminations pertain-
ing to sex.

Rockville, Conn.

Rev. L. L. Beeman
VERMONT CONFERENCE.

The following are some of the reasons why I shall
vote for the admission of women to the General
Conference:—

1. Because justice demands that they who bear
the burdens and share the responsibilities of the
church shall also have a voice in saying what those
burdens and responsibilities shall be. This princi-
ple is fundamental to any lay representation at all.
The mere accident of sex is not a sufficient reason
why one class should secure representation in Gen-
eral Conference and another be denied it, unless we
concede that might makes right.
2. Because the laity have asked the privilege of
exercising their own judgment in determining what
person, whether a man or a woman, will best rep-
resent them in the General Conference. Such a just
demand merits considerable attention.
3. Because women will find their truest sphere
under conditions of the greatest possible liberty, in-
asmuch as inherent ability, and not custom or pre-
judice, will then determine what that sphere shall
be. The eternal instincts of the woman heart will
not be overturned by admission to General Confer-
ence, or to any other position which she is capable
of filling.
4. Because some women are the peers, intellect-
ually and spiritually, of some men. The displace-
ment of some men, who find their way to General
Conference, by some women, would mean an increase
of spirituality and sound sense in that body.
5. Because woman's work, both in the home and
foreign fields, needs woman's representation on the
General Conference committees, in order to properly
represent that work and to maintain in proper rela-
tions woman's special work and the general work of
the church.

Because it is in harmony with the general
tenor of the Scriptures. The Bible argument against
the admission of woman to the General Conference
proves too much or not enough. If Paul is to be
construed literally, then Methodism has been funda-
mentally wrong from the first. Absolute "silence"
is the only becoming thing for woman. If the other
alternative be taken, then isolated passages must be
construed in harmony with the general tenor of the
Scriptures. The Bible assumes us that from the
divine standpoint these distinctions are insignificant.
There is no respecter of persons. "There can be
neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor
free, there can be no male and female; for ye are all
one man in Christ Jesus" (Paul, in Revised
Version).

Rev. Charles W. Bradlee.
NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

In this country there is no question as to woman's
place. She is man's acknowledged peer. About
every business and profession are open to her in the
secular world—why not in the realm of religious
and churchly activities? I believe in equal rights for
the sexes rather than in woman-rights or man-rights.
If our sisters join the church on the same footing
with their brothers, why should they not continue by
their side? Sex prejudice, more than anything else,
is against this movement to admit women into the
General Conference. We are not to ask whether all
the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church desire
this privilege or approve of its being granted, any
more than we inquired if all the men favored the
proposition for lay representation when it was sub-
mitted. Speculation as to the influence of this for-
ward movement upon the general subject of woman
suffrage, is not germane to the pending question.

If the real question will always be a disturbing
one to us, until it is settled and settled right. The
affirmative is sure to triumph in the end, because on
the side of righteousness and meeting an obvious
need. The introduction of woman is imperatively
called for in all governing and legislative bodies of
our church. We need her in our ecclesiastical coun-
cils, as we do in those pertaining to social and domes-
tic matters. We cannot do without her in planning
for the best interests of home and school; we cer-
tainly would gain by her intuitive and far-seeing power,
as well as by her refining and ennobling influence, in
the highest Conference of our church. The voice of
the laity has spoken (and substantially) in woman's
favor. It is to be hoped that the ministerial vote will

be as pronounced on the side of fairness and true
progress.

Concord, N. H.

Rev. A. F. Chase.
EAST MAINE CONFERENCE.

The Methodist Church is composed of the clergy and
the laity. The theological issue is, whether a
woman is a member of the laity. The practical is-
sue is, whether as one of the laity a woman of legal
age may act for herself or as a representative of
others within the Methodist Church.

The first issue, reasonably and legally, was long
since settled in our polity by the Discipline and by
practice, and especially by the last General Confer-
ence, which asked from the laity, not excluding the
female membership, an expression of opinion, thus
acknowledging, in advance of such vote, everything
which theoretically is involved in the discussion.
Otherwise the proposition should have been distinct-
ly submitted to the masculine laity of the church;
and, as distinctly, all women should have been ex-
cluded from voting on the proposition. To be con-
sistent, the opponents of the proposition should, in
General Conference, have resisted the privilege of
woman's voting upon the pending question. Can
any man logically object to the admission of women
to the General Conference, if he by vote submitted
the proposition to the laity, or suffered it to be so
submitted without interposing strenuous protest
against the woman's vote upon the issue?

Secondly: Is it ever questioned that the women of
Methodism are educated, loyal, and of undoubted
Christian purpose? Has not more than a century
given abundant evidence of these conditions of heart
and mind? Now can an instance be found in his-
tory, when an educated, loyal, and moral class of
citizens has accepted powers and responsibilities
with injurious results? When, in politics, a man
desires to limit suffrage, thus excluding an educated
and Christian ballot, it is quite likely to be a man
who does not appreciate the value of an educated
moral force, or who has some plan or prejudice with
the educated, Christian ballot would conflict.
We should regret to admit that this condition of
politics is in any great degree identified with the
conditions of Methodism.

Can we not at the same time be loyal to Method-
ism and to Christian progress?

Buckport, Me.

Rev. J. W. Webb, D. D.
NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

My judgment and convictions logically agree on
this subject.

1. The question of "Who shall be greatest?" is
in the church as expanded to abnormal and unhealthy
proportions, especially as the measurement is made
by the plumb-line of office. One text hitherto un-
used should be brought forward: "Not lords over you
of the church, but examples to the flock" (1 Peter 5: 3).
2. The divine ideal is the church as a family, with
God as Father (Eph. 3: 14, 15). This is the higher
brotherhood (Mark 3: 35). "For whosoever shall
do the will of God, the same is my brother, my sister
and mother." This kinship is not limited by sex.
The distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and
freeman, male and female, are equally abolished
(Gal. 3: 28). The nearer we approach the perfect
society, the less stress is laid upon these distinctions.
In heaven they are unknown. Service is the basis of
greatness. Sex is a function of the earthly family,
but not in the church.

3. Those who give equal toll and tax should be
consulted as equals. With a membership of two-
thirds women, shall we vote for a lay declaring that
not a single one of all the eminent and "elect ladies"
shall be allowed to have a voice when laws regulating
their funds and service are enacted? I cannot sup-
port such a measure. Her liberty is her right.
Women should be in General Conference to "per-
suasively and tenderly" regulate and "modify" the
brethren.

4. The things Jesus did not do, are marvelous. He
did not abolish slavery; nor draw the sword to de-
liver childhood from the father's state-right to life
an illegitimate; nor did he proclaim that women shall
be capable to General Conference. He gave principles
that produce these results, and the Holy Spirit carries
out the work. I think the fullness of time has come.

Providence, R. I.

Rev. W. R. Newhall.
NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Because of the alleged peril of such action, women
should be recognized as members of the General
Conference to which they have been elected. The
exclusion of certain men, with the consequent sub-
stitution of courtesy for clamor in ecclesiastical de-
bate; the violation of the Scriptural confidence of a
majority of our membership whose affirmation of
what they find in the Bible is attested by our best
scholarship; the possible defection in members, in-
volving the loss of a Conference where women some-
times are beacons of burden, or of a continent whose
secluded women eagerly receive the Gospel that lifts
the veil from face and heart; the threatened organic
integrity of the church, which must grant larger or
less privilege to its female members, admit them
to its chief or reject them from its subordinate coun-
cils; the enlarged opportunity for woman, which
may destroy or develop her womanly might—these
and other so-called perils point rather to admittance
than exclusion. I should be false to my education
in a New England home, where neither the subjec-
tion nor supremacy of woman was suspected; to my
experience, that the more independent the
woman the more indispensable her place; to my ex-
pectation, that only the church filled with the Spirit
of Christ, which is without distinction of sex, will
be filled with His success—if I did not vote to make
it possible for our church to admit to any service
those best qualified for its performance.

Springfield, Mass.

Rev. D. C. Babcock.
NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

"The Christian religion" is in contrast with
nearly all prior religious systems, in its suggestion
rather than prescription of ecclesiastical arrange-
ments. . . . Christianity is spiritual life. . . . A true
Christian Church is a collective form of this spiritual
life; its external institutions, whether in doctrinal
symbols, or modes of worship or government, are
valuable only so far as they are means to this end.
And therefore any new practical measures which may
be rendered expedient, by the ever-varying condi-
tions of human history, for the effectiveness of the
church in the moral regeneration of men, are admi-
ssible, being in harmony with the original purpose
and simplicity of the Gospel, however they may con-
travene ecclesiastical precedents or traditions. Such
is the standpoint which Methodism takes in the his-
tory of the church. . . . This is the philosophy of its
history.

So said our greatest church historian (on the first
two pages of the "Introduction" to his "History of
Methodism") more than thirty years ago. Women
are included in "collective form of this spiritual
life," they have as deep interest in "its external in-
stitutions," its "doctrinal symbols," its "modes of
worship," and its "government," as men.

The Christian Church does not make Christian doc-
trine. That is given to the church by "the Head of
the Church." Every branch of the Church of Christ
may make its own ecclesiastical regulations, and fix
its own rites and creeds, only so that they do not con-
travene the Word of God. There is no reason given,
either in the Christian Scriptures, or in a common-
sense view of the work that belongs to church coun-
cil, for excluding any church member from it on the
basis of sex, or color, or nationality. Our selection
should be made on the basis of fitness. We have
thousands of men, both in the laity and ministry of
our church, who are not fitted to serve in its General
Conference, and who have no wish to be burdened
with that responsibility. We have some women who
are qualified in every way to serve the church in that
body, and they should be called upon to do it. Their
hearts are as clear, their heads are as clear, and their
judgment as sound, as those of any men in the
church.

The labored efforts of the New York Advocate to
show that Paul is not in favor of the admission of
women to our General Conference, have done more
than all else to convince me that this is not in any
sense a question of Christian doctrine. It is purely a
matter of expediency. Women now have a part in
the making of our preachers and in the execution of
our laws. They help to constitute the General Con-
ference. I think they are now eligible to membership
under our laws. If not eligible, it must be because
the law that classes all our members as laymen
"who are not members of Annual Conferences," is
unconstitutional. I expect to vote for the admission
of women to our General Conference.

Lacon, N. H.

Rev. R. L. Bruce.
VERMONT CONFERENCE.

Woman was created the equal of man. The word
translated "helpmeet" means an equal. The very
sentence pronounced on woman, "Thy desire shall be
to thy husband and he shall rule over thee," im-
plies previous equality. The subordination of woman,
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A RESUME OF THE CONFERENCE YEAR.

DESIROUS of acquainting our readers more generally with the condition of the work of our churches within the bounds of our patronizing Conferences, the presiding elders were requested to furnish brief abstracts or outlines of the reports which they will make to their Annual Conferences. The responses received are given below; they will awaken hearty gratitude for the past and renewed confidence for the future.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

Boston District.

GEORGE S. CHADBOURNE, Presiding Elder.

An exact report is not possible at this date, as the returns have not yet been received from the pastors. The year now closing has been one of very encouraging advancement along all our lines of work. The number of ministers employed on the district is 72, including 5 who are supported in whole or in part by mission funds. The number of churches is 69; the value of which is about \$1,500,000. The number of parsonages is 35, the value of which is \$150,000. The church at Upham's Corner is nearly completed, and will probably be opened some time in May. It will be one of the most convenient and beautiful in the Conference, costing not far from \$70,000. A new edifice of wood is in process of erection at Washington Village, South Boston, and is expected to be finished during the coming year. Preliminary steps have been taken for the erection of a fine stone edifice at Brookline, which is expected to cost about \$100,000. Considerable repairs have been made at Egleston Square, Abnurdale, and at Trinity and Laurel St., Worcester.

A good revival spirit has been felt in many of the churches, and the returns when in will show good numbers of conversions and of additions to the churches. The largest numbers, I judge, will be reported from the following churches: Highlands, Hyde Park, St. John's, Tremont St., Temple St., Spencer, Cherry Valley, Ashland, Washington Village, and from the Swedish churches in Boston and Worcester.

No deaths have occurred among ministers or their families, and none that I recall among prominent laymen.

Epworth League work is receiving much attention, and promises great good to the churches. Nearly every church has its chapter, and large numbers are enrolled.

The camp-meeting at South Framingham was not largely attended, but was spiritual and profitable. The missionary collection will be much the largest that the district ever gave.

North Boston District.

JOHN W. LINDSAY, Presiding Elder.

The year has been one of more than ordinary prosperity, and with few exceptions the churches have made advance on every line of church work. The number of ministers having pastoral charges is 46.

At Woburn a new church edifice has been built at a cost of about \$23,000, and very extensive improvements have been made on the church property at Winchester. At Barre; Trinity, Cambridge; Hudson; First Church, Somerville; and West Chelmsford, some special work has been done to improve the church property. Arrangements are made to commence at once the erection of a new church at North Andover, Cambridge, and more than \$30,000 is already subscribed for that purpose. At West Medford they are also planning for a new church. Five of the churches have been provided with new parsonages— at a cost of about \$17,000— Trinity, Charlestown; Hudson; West Fitzburg; Oakdale; and Winchendon—and the parsonage at Lunenburg has been so thoroughly renovated as to make it seem a new structure. The total value of church property on the district is about \$300,000.

There has been a general revival of religious interest, and about 1,000 converts will be reported.

Nearly all the churches have an Epworth or some organization of the young people holding a relation to the North Boston District Epworth League. Three largely-attended conventions have been held during the year.

The benevolent collections will show a decided gain.

Lynn District.

JOSEPH H. MANSFIELD, Presiding Elder.

The year has been prosperous in spiritual and material results. The preachers have done faithful and efficient work. The Lynn District has as good a list of efficient workers as can be found anywhere in our Methodism. Some of them have hard fields, and yet without complaint they have done their work.

There has been more serious sickness among our brethren this year than usual. Rev. Albert Gould was unable to take his work at Newburyport until June, and then was compelled to give it up on account of sickness in his family. On Nov. 18, 1890, we were startled by his sudden transition to the higher ministries of heaven. Rev. Charles T. Johnson has preached about four times this year. He has suffered the loss of his left foot, and later the loss of his left leg by amputation. His fortitude and patience and complete submission to God's will have been most marked and inspiring. Rev. Charles Young, D. D., who was seriously sick just after Conference, was persuaded to keep his appointment at Everett, and has done a good year's work, and is still ready for active service.

There are 55 churches on the district, with another to organize before Conference, which will give an increase of three for the year. The value of church property is rising \$1,000,000. The church repairs and enlargements at Maplewood have been completed and provided for at a cost of \$4,600. The Belmont Church at Malden has again been enlarged at a cost of \$1,200 and paid for. A new church has been organized at Linden in Malden, and a lot purchased. A new work has been opened at Orient Heights and a commodious church nearly completed. A church lot at Bradford has been secured and paid for at a cost of \$1,200, and a church has been contracted for and begun that will cost \$5,000 above the cost of the last building. In Lynn a lot has been bought for the newly organized Highland Church, at a cost of \$1,700, and a church building will be completed in the near future. A parsonage has been bought at Peabody at a cost of \$3,500. There have been improvements in many of the churches.

The year has been marked by conversions in nearly every church. There have been gracious revivals at Prospect St., Gloucester; Ipswich; Rockport; Byfield; St. Paul's Church, Lynn; East Saugus; and Walnut St., Chelsea.

The Epworth League work is very hopeful. There are about forty chapters, and many of them are reported in numbers and good works. Last year we reported 14,267 members in the Sunday-schools of the district—a larger number than was reported from any other district in the Conference. This year there has been a steady increase over last year.

Many of the churches will show a large increase in missionary collections for the Parent Society. By-By; increases from \$3 to \$35; Maple St., Lynn, \$154 to \$300; St. Paul's, Lynn, \$193 to \$300; Trinity, Lynn, \$52 to \$100; Malden Centre, \$1,100 to \$1,200; Belmont, Malden, \$57 to \$70; Melrose, \$215 to \$243; Washington St., Newburyport, \$22 to \$70; Stoneham, \$92 to \$186; Wakefield, \$2 to \$125; Lynn O'Connell, \$434 to \$605; Walnut Street, Chelsea, \$300 to \$465. There is a marked increase in other churches, which will give us an increase for the whole district.

Springfield District.

GEORGE F. EATON, Presiding Elder.

For the fifth year I attempt that most difficult task of representing by a few facts and figures the progress of our work.

Our church at Buckland, which has been closed for several years, has been sold, and proceeds paid over to the Conference trustees.

The vote on the admission of women as lay delegates to the General Conference was taken by 56 of our societies. The total vote was 1,058—for admission, 819; against, 249.

Work among our young people has been largely developed. We have 10 Christian Endeavor Societies, with a membership of 525; and 31 Epworth Leagues, numbering 1,363. Besides these we have various Union and Junior Leagues doing good work.

Chilcope Falls has received from the estate of Mrs. Nancy Pease, \$500. By the will of L. L. Draper our church at Northampton receives \$3,000. A pleasant home of moderate value has been left by Sister Locke to our society at Amherst. Mr. Virgil Perkins, a recently-deceased attendant of Trinity, Springfield, leaves \$10,000 to the Parent Missionary Society. F. W. Clark, of Trinity, has made a generous cash gift of \$1,000 to our church at Easthampton.

Twenty-five societies have made improvements to the value of \$6,500. The interior of our church at Westfield has been made unusually attractive by a corrugated iron ceiling and the introduction of electric lights. West Springfield and Conway should also receive special mention. Monson has, by gift and purchase, come into possession of the church pews, valued at \$7,000. A little has been done in the payment of church debts. Easthampton has paid \$1,100; Holyoke, \$500; and several other societies have paid smaller sums. Two churches have been dedicated—Holyoke, costing \$45,000, and Orange, costing \$20,000. Wars built a parsonage costing \$4,000, and Chilcope has purchased a corner lot and house at a cost of \$2,500. They hope to build a convenient parsonage the coming season. Mittineague and Northampton each build new churches this coming year.

There has been an advance in salaries, benevolences, and membership. Revivals have been frequent and the ingathering large.

The district report cannot be even outlined by this brief statement.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

Providence District.

STEPHEN O. BENTON, Presiding Elder.

This district includes 66 societies, served by 62 preachers. Four new societies have been organized during the year—Riverside, Campello Swedish, East Braintree, and Norwood.

Deaths have not invaded the ranks of men in effective relation, but Samuel C. Brown, D. D., Thomas Ely, both veterans in service, have passed hence. S. T. Patterson has been bereaved of his wife, and W. A. Luce mourns the loss of his young child. Brother Patterson was detained from his work several weeks by a painful illness. T. M. Culver, a probationer, and E. L. Hyde, a supernumerary, have relinquished their charges because of ill health.

New churches have been built at Riverside and East Braintree, each at a cost of about \$3,000. Emmanuel Church, Mansfield, has received from the estate of the late Charles T. Borden a parsonage valued at \$4,000. The Swedish Church at Campello has bought a lot and erected a building at an expense of \$5,000. Extensive improvements have been made at Thames St., Newport; East Greenwich; Nantasket; Bristol; Portsmouth; Woonsocket; and Edgewood. A debt of \$2,500 has been lifted from Haven Church, East Providence, and one of \$2,800 from Thompson Church, Pawtucket. The Swedish Church of Quincy has reduced its indebtedness \$1,700, and Asbury Memorial and Cranston Street Churches in Providence have each reduced theirs \$1,000.

The missionary contributions will probably exceed by several hundred dollars the regular collections of last year. The other benevolences are expected to show a fair increase.

The revival spirit has appeared in many places, and some report large numbers converted. Among these are Brockton, Central, 150 conversions; South St., 43; Providence, Trinity, 80; St. Paul's, 40; Swedish, 35; Broadway, 46; East Providence, 40; Holbrook, 66; Pawtucket, Thomson Church, 50. Other places might be mentioned, but the figures have not yet been received.

Nearly every church now has its Epworth League. Several have been formed during the past year. It is the general testimony of the pastors that these organizations are proving of great efficiency in the work of the church.

Norwich District.

EDWIN TIRRELL, Presiding Elder.

The year now closing has been for Norwich District one of faithful labor by pastors and people, attended by a fair degree of success. Business activity and prosperity have hardly been up to the average, and in a few instances the removal of useful members has somewhat weakened the churches. Nearly all, however, have held their own, and quite a number have made decided improvement. We have on the district 64 preaching-places, supplied by 56 preachers. The valuation of the church property is \$530,000. No new churches have been built the past year, though at this writing land has been obtained, and work has probably begun on a new church at Sterling, Conn., which was a Methodist appointment forty years ago. A new parsonage has been built at Jewett City at a cost of \$1,800; another has been built at Oneco, and through the wise management of Bro. John Pearce, a new and beautiful parsonage has been purchased and paid for at East Hampton.

Revivals, more or less extensive, have occurred at Willimantic, Rockville, Mystic Bridge, Moosup, Moodus, Manchester and East Glastonbury. New London has been in constant revival, conversions to the number of 40 occurring during the year. Thirty conversions are reported at Hazardville, while at Stafford Springs, Staffordville, East Thompson, Saugus St., and other places, quite a number are noted. On the whole, it has been a year of unusual religious prosperity, upwards of 300 conversions being reported by the pastors.

Bro. Samuel McKeown, after preaching forty-five years, died at Jewett City, Oct. 7, 1890. Bro. Daniel Brown, pastor at West Thompson, died Nov. 14, 1890. His death was followed in a few weeks by that of his faithful wife and co-laborer. Rev. L. D. Bentley, of Norwich, for forty years a member of the N. E. Southern Conference, was called suddenly away March 1 of the present year. The bulk of his estate (\$35,000) was left to four of our church benevolent societies. Rev. Henry Torbush, fifty-three years a preacher, twenty-five years in the traveling connection, seventeen years a preacher to the Mohican Indians, died, Oct. 3, 1890.

Epworth League work has made progress, a number of Leagues having been organized during the year.

The camp-meeting at Willimantic is remembered as a delightful and profitable. Thomas Harrison will attend this year.

The outlook for another year is hopeful.

New Bedford District.

WALTER ELA, Presiding Elder.

The year now closing has been a fairly prosperous one. The district embraces 65 pastoral charges, with 80 regular preaching-places. These have been served by 47 members of this Conference, 8 students, and 10 local preachers and other "supplies." There are 72 churches valued at \$250,000; and 45 parsonages, valued at \$91,000.

Two new churches have been completed and dedicated—Tremont St., Taunton, at a cost of \$5,400, all provided for; and Pocasset, at a cost of \$2,000, but \$380 provided for. A chapel is being erected

by Grace Church, Taunton, which with improvements to the church will cost about \$9,000, and will be completed soon after Conference. The church at Osterville is being remodeled at an expense of \$1,500, and is expected to be ready for occupancy in a few weeks with all bills paid. Extensive improvements have been made at Brayton Church, Fall River, at a cost of \$1,000, and Wood's Hill has been expended \$600. A parsonage has been erected at Bridgewater at a cost of \$3,700, and other improvements to churches and parsonages will make an aggregate expenditure for church property of not less than \$25,000. Church debts have been paid at Summerfield, Fall River, of \$1,200; Pleasant St., New Bedford, \$1,160; Plymouth, \$1,300, and a few others of smaller amounts.

In June our church at East Harwich was struck by lightning and seriously damaged, and on the evening of Feb. 28 our church at Eastham was badly damaged and the church at Wellfleet was almost consumed by the same subtle agent. At least eight churches of other denominations within the limits of this district were struck by lightning during that tempest.

There has been a good revival spirit on the district, and several quite extensive revivals have occurred, notably at Provincetown, Centre Church; South Harwich and Bethel; Plymouth; Whitman; and the churches in New Bedford.

The venerable Frederick Upham, D. D., after seventy years spent in the ministry, passed to his reward March 20, in the 92nd year of his age. Jeremiah Pease, esq., for fifty years a member of the church at Edgartown, and for forty-four years a class leader, died in May last.

The mission established among the Portuguese in May last has been a success from the first. About fifteen persons have professed conversion in New Bedford, and as many more in Truro as the result of the missionary's labors.

About two-thirds of our churches have Epworth Leagues, which are efficient in aiding our young people in active Christian work.

The camp-meeting at Yarmouth was an excellent meeting in all respects. The new tabernacle delighted every one who came under its protection from sun or rain. The interior is "a thing of beauty," and, we trust, will be "a joy forever" as the birthplace of many souls.

It is believed that the benevolent collections of the district will fully equal, if not exceed, those of last year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

Dover District.

CHARLES U. DUNNING, Presiding Elder.

This district has about 100 miles long by 50 broad, has 44 preaching-places, and a membership of over 5,000. Church property is valued at \$303,800, and parsonages at \$13,021.

Of ministers there are 38; of the 8 supplies, 3 are theological students. These all, generally healthy in body and soul, have attended well to their work and will bring cheering reports with them to Conference. Rev. Reuben Dearborn, Wm. Hewes and Samuel Beede, all ripe with years, have finished their course and entered into rest. Three effective men have left us in the year—F. G. Mellor for business life; G. F. Durgin for school; and F. H. Morgan, transferred. Rev. A. F. Bailey, an effective supernumerary, is the first to complete a five-years' pastorate.

Hon. Levi W. Taylor, of Haverhill; Abner Clark, of Sandown; J. C. Logan, of Rochester; Mrs. Geo. W. Wendell, of Great Falls; Mrs. Silas Philbrick, of Portsmouth; and Mrs. Rev. Thomas W. Gill, of Merrimacport, are among the prominent laymen who have labored in the faith.

Improvements on church property and debts paid, so far as reported, amount to about \$10,000. A beautiful brick church has been erected at Centerville, Lowell, this year, and is nearly ready for occupancy, with a bright future. Wesley Church, Haverhill, has freed itself from a burdensome debt. East Kingston people have thoroughly remodeled and repaired their house of worship and have no debt. The Newmarket parsonage has been transformed and enlarged.

The work of the year has gone steadily and successfully on. Spiritual victories are reported all along the line, in which scores of souls have been converted. The camp-meeting and Chautauque Assembly were times of refreshing; the Epworth Leagues, organized in more than half our churches, are a power for good.

The benevolence promise an advance on last year, which was an average, for missions, of 71 cents, and for other collections of \$1.09 cents per member.

We close our sixth and last year of district work with the devout and thankful feeling that the Lord of hosts has been with us and the God of Jacob has been our refuge and strength. May He also be with the coming man!

Concord District.

S. C. KELLER, Presiding Elder.

The Concord District geography, beginning at Manchester, extends northward to the Canadian line, a distance as traveled of about 225 miles. Its greatest width is about 30 miles, extending from the Androscoggin River on the east to the Connecticut on the west. The latter river forms the western boundary from Piermont to the State line—a distance of 100 miles. To reach the 50 churches on the district, the presiding elder has traveled over 1,200 miles by railroad, and 1,100 by carriage road the present year.

These churches are valued at \$203,525. Ten of the number given, however, are union churches, and are not reckoned in this valuation, although occupied exclusively for our church work. To these churches 50 pastors have ministered, including 3 students who served as supplies during the summer. A new church costing \$900 was dedicated in Ellsworth in June last, free of debt. The last item is worthy of note, as the population of the town is only 150. A new church at Lake Village, to cost when completed about \$7,000, is nearly ready for dedication.

There are three incorporated camp-meeting associations on the district. The one at Water is in the midst of drawing away to the pleasant scenery, and \$2,400 have been expended the present year in improving the water-works. The ground is now supplied with an abundance of pure spring water, a drinking fountain and fire hydrants. The town pays the association \$120 annually for the hydrants. Bills receivable cover bills payable, less only about \$500, leaving the valuable property and improvements so nearly free of debt. The pavilion and grounds of the association located at Groveton will be improved the coming year. The association at Colebrook has just been organized. The grove, containing four acres, was purchased and paid for the past summer, and improvements commenced. At each of these points the meeting was of great interest the past season. The power of the Holy Spirit was present to unite, purify and save.

No deaths have occurred among the preachers or their families the past year. There has been no very serious sickness among them, with the exception of the case of Dr. D. C. Knowles of the Seminary. Those who have sympathized with and prayed for him, are now cheered by the prospect of his early recovery. Sister Bishop Baker, an elect lady honored throughout the church, survived the beloved Bishop nineteen years, and entered the heavenly rest on the 8th day of May.

Revival interest has appeared at some points, among them Littleton, West Thornton, Woodsville, Whitefield, Penacook, and East Columbia.

There are several weak churches on the district. Four have been closed during the winter. All should be sustained, for the weakest of them stands to represent the kingdom of heaven on earth.

And so far as this is true, to a certain number of people the only representation they will ever have on earth of that kingdom, will be given by the church near

where their lot is cast, and where they will live and die.

The Concord District affords a grand opportunity where grand men are doing the greatest work on earth.

Clarendon District.

GEORGE W. NOKKIS, Presiding Elder.

Clarendon District includes all the Methodist Episcopal societies in the Conference west and south of the Concord and Northern Railroad lines (except Concord and Bow), with the addition of those at Bristol, Franklin and Hudson. Our 32 pastoral charges have enrolled about 3,900 communicants, of whom about 3,000 are probably resident and can be found by the pastors. One charge, only, pays as much as \$1,000 exclusive of rent for pastoral support; seven average \$260 each, and the remaining 24 average about \$67.50. Last May we found five abandoned churches within our borders, one of which has been reopened by the aid of a consecrated local preacher; one other church has been saved from abandonment because our heroic soul stands at his post doing earnest pastoral work, receiving only about \$75 for his support in all the year.

We have no one camp-meeting generally accessible to our people. The need of such an institution is great, and we have some hope of seeing one planted at no distant day.

The brethren are generally pushing our church benevolences heartily, and we hope for some advance over previous years.

Our work suffers from the present inequitable arrangement of district lines, and an effort will be made by both the ministry and laity to secure from the Bishop some relief by re-forming the districts at this Conference session.

We have lost two men by transfer and two by translation this year; but the Lord in each case has shown us that "The man eye ripens for the deed," and the work in each case has been carried on by providential supply.

There has been no sweeping revival at any point on the district, though at several places a good interest has been enjoyed.

Two churches, Bristol and Goffstown, have completed and dedicated houses of worship this year—the former free of debt, and the latter with \$500 only remaining to be provided for hereafter.

MAINE CONFERENCE.

Augusta District.

GEORGE C. ANDREWS, Presiding Elder.

This district has 32 charges (31 supplied during the year), 42 churches, and 23 parsonages. The church property is valued at \$182,000.

Only three deaths have occurred in preachers' families—Caleb Fuller, shortly after his shout of "Glory!" at the Conference session, passing over May 8; Warren, son of Charles M. Abbott; and Bessie Brown, granddaughter of Dr. Allen. Dr. Allen, Mrs. W. B. Eldridge, and the presiding elder have been raised from severe sickness and restored to accustomed health.

The past year, owing to the faithful preparatory work of our predecessors, has been exceptionally successful. No widespread revival has occurred, but at nearly every point souls have been converted, and much painstaking work, with very gratifying results, has been bestowed by the preachers upon the converts of previous years, to establish them in the faith.

The helpful work of Zion's Herald in the home has been appreciated and the list increased on many charges.

In financial matters there has been commendable progress. The preachers' salaries have been increased by the adoption of the disciplinary plan of raising supplies, until they now average \$675.

Repairs in church property have been made at Winthrop, Waterville, Mt. Vernon, Industry and Phillips, and indebtedness reduced at Madison, Waterville, East Livermore, and Livermore Falls, amounting to \$4,000. This, with projected enterprises in building and improving church property the coming year at Kingfield, Bangham, Augusta, Hallowell and North Vienna, will increase the valuation to nearly \$200,000.

The Epworth League gains in favor with the people. Two District League conventions have been held during the year.

Our School at Kent's Hill has had a specially prosperous year.

All of which, with devout gratitude to God, is respectfully submitted.

Portland District.

WILLIAM S. JONES, Presiding Elder.

During the year the district has been harmonious, aggressive, and progressive. The number of ministers in charge are 30; local preachers, 8; supernumeraries, 13; supernumeraries, 5; making a total of 56. Number of churches, 32; 1-2; number of parsonages, 25; valuation of church property, \$339,400. Two new churches, valued at \$8,200, have been built. For repairing of church property, \$5,000 have been expended. There have been no deaths, either of preachers or prominent laymen, during the year.

Revivals have occurred at Chestnut St., Pine St., and Congress St., Portland; Sacaparra; Kennebunk; Kennebunkport; Woodford; Cape Elizabeth; Turner's Island; Biddeford; Berwick; Hollis; York; South Portland, and Chelmsford, resulting in about 350 conversions. Received into full membership, 200; dismissed by certificate, 64; deaths, 36; net gain, 100; baptisms, 50.

Sister Sally Fayer, of North Gosham, left a legacy of \$300, the interest of which is to be paid yearly toward the preacher's salary on that charge. Sister Mary Gowen, of Eliot, has left \$1,000, the interest of which is for the same purpose on that charge.

One district camp meeting has been held during the year at Old Orchard, the results of which are not for good, but something of ill, because, first, of non-attendance of churches; second, non-attendance of unconverted; third, no social services of interest in chapels or tents; fourth, divided interest between Adventists, Salvationists, Simpsonites, Holiness Conventions, and Methodists of Portland District, and a large drawing away to the pleasure of the hotels and the entertainments of the sea shores. The sad hope of doctrine inculcated, the spirit of worldliness dominant, the apathy of members of our church to the interests and life of Methodism, owing in no small degree to the conflicting elements allowed to gather and worship under the auspices of a so-called Methodist camp-ground, make the district meeting here a failure, which will ultimately be a proverb of reproach.

Lewiston District.

ENOS T. ADAMS, Presiding Elder.

The year has been one of prosperity in all the departments of our work; death has not entered any of our preachers' families, and but little severe sickness has been experienced.

A speak of revival work first, because I regard it as the first and great work of the minister and church to seek out lost souls and lead them to the Saviour. There has been quite a general revival interest all over the district. This began at our camp-meeting at East Poland, which was a season of great spiritual uplifting. The preaching was in power and demonstration of the Spirit, and the altar services which followed were seasons of pentecostal power and victory. The more extensive revivals have been at Berlio, N. H., Bath (in both churches), while a goodly number have begun the Christian life at Brunswick, Oxford, Monmouth, and Bethel, and a few sheaves have been garnered on nearly, if not quite, every other charge.

There has not been a new church built on the district this year, but a goodly number have been im-

proved. The Auburn Church, through the efforts of Bro. Geo. P. Martin (son of our late Bro. Ezekiel Martin), has lifted a debt of \$3,000, which has been upon it ever since the church was built. He said it was surprising to see how the people gave. The trustees at Bethel had decided to sell the parsonage to pay off their debt, but Bro. Record took hold of the matter and soon had not only enough to liquidate the debt, but sufficient to improve the property materially. Bro. O. S. Pillsbury's family, of Lisbon, were turned out of doors by a fire which nearly destroyed the parsonage and entirely consumed the stable, on which there was no insurance; but the smoke had hardly cleared away when they began to rebuild, and now the new house and stable are much better than the old ever were, and the bills are nearly all paid. At Lisbon Falls, another part of the charge, they have raised \$400 toward liquidating a debt on the church, which was dedicated a year ago. The interior of the church at Bartlett, N. H., has been greatly improved, with all bills paid. Improvements have been made, or debts paid, at Andover, Ramford, Gorham, N. H., Newry, Naples, Brunswick, North Conway, N. H., Fryeburg Harbor, Bridgton, Buckfield, Turner, North Auburn and Bowdoinham.

I am unable to give the number of Epworth Leagues, or their membership, but the introduction has been very rapid until there is not a charge of any considerable size which has not a League, and nearly all of them are doing excellent work for the church and promise to be a great power.

Our Sunday-schools have been steadily moving on, and have shown a very healthy advance.

Our church benevolences have been pressed upon the people with faithfulness, and we doubt not but that the returns will show the fruit thereof.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE.

Bangor District.

B. C. WENTWORTH, Presiding Elder.

The year has been one of unusual prosperity in all departments of Christian work on Bangor District. We are now occupying 38 circuits and stations, having entered two new fields since Conference, and 35 preachers are now employed. Three charges are without pastors at present, but these have been served a part of the time during the past year.

We have 32 churches, valued at \$116,000, and 21 parsonages, worth \$29,550. Since last Conference we have dedicated two new churches—one at South Presque Isle, costing \$2,300; the other at Vanceboro, valued at \$2,000. The Union Church at Easton, which was purchased for \$750, was reopened last July and dedicated a Methodist Episcopal Church. At Limestone a new church is being built at a cost of \$1,500. The outside is completed and the bills are paid, with \$300 on hand toward finishing the interior. This church is nearer the North Pole than any other Methodist Church east of the Mississippi River. At Mapleton a new church is to be erected this spring, and \$600 is already pledged. A beautiful tabernacle has been erected at the Foxcroft camp ground, costing \$2,500.

"Showers of blessing" have indeed fallen upon many of our churches. Houlton has witnessed the grandest revival ever known in the history of that town. More

The Sunday School.

SECOND QUARTER. LESSON III.
Sunday, April 19.
Jonah 1: 1-17.
REV. W. O. HOLWAY, U. S. N.

JONAH SENT TO NINEVEH.

I. Preliminary.

- 1. GOLDEN TEXT: "Preach unto the heathen that I bid thee" (Jonah 1: 2).
- 2. DATE: Between B. C. 800-770.
- 3. PLACES: Joppa, a seaport on the Mediterranean; Tarshish, in Spain; Nineveh, capital of Assyria, on the Tigris River, 600 miles from Joppa's home.
- 4. CONNECTION: The life of Jonah is connected in Bible history with 2 Kings, chapters 14, 15; 2 Chron., chapters 25, 26.
- 5. THE BOOK OF JONAH: Authorship—uncertain, but supposed to be Jonah. Date—disputed; assigned, by Naegelsbach, to a period subsequent to B. C. 771, and preceding the time of the Maccabees. Character—declared by some to be purely allegorical, like "Pilgrim's Progress"; by others to be a floating legend, containing some basis of truth; by the majority of writers, actual, credible history.
- 6. HOME READINGS: Monday—Jonah 1: 1-17. Tuesday—Jonah 2: 1-10. Wednesday—Nah. 1: 1-10. Thursday—Psalm 107: 23-30. Friday—Ezekiel 33: 1-11. Saturday—1 Kings 13: 11-24. Sunday—Psalm 139: 1-12.

II. Introductory.

A lover of his own nation and a hater of its foes, the prophet Jonah received a commission one day against which his fiery-temperament nature rebelled. He was bidden to go to the far-off capital of the Assyrian empire, and "cry against it"—utter warnings which, if not heeded, imperiled his own life; but which, if heeded, would result in a display of mercy extremely repugnant to his bigoted ideas. Why should he, who was so passionately eager for the restoration of Israel's greatness, who had stood in the presence of King Jeroboam and predicted the recovery of the cities of Gilead and Bashan, be sent to distant Nineveh, that mightiest and most hostile of cities, on such a distasteful errand? Let the heathen perish without warning! Let them be trodden like grapes in the wine-press of the wrath of the Almighty, as Joel had lately predicted! They were the enemies of his land and of Jehovah—let them suffer their just doom! He will carry them no message. Rather than do so, he will resign his prophetic office and exile himself to the ends of the earth.

And then we have a vivid picture of his refractory course—his hasty trip to Joppa, and his discovery of a vessel just starting for Tarshish, farther to the west than Nineveh was to the east. He pays his fare, goes on board, and, weary of his journey and mental struggles, finds a place below and goes to sleep. Meantime the ship has scarcely put to sea before she encounters the dreaded Euraquilo, or something worse, and the tempest is so violent as to threaten speedy foundering. All on board perceive their peril, and cry each to his god—all but Jonah, who slumbers on until aroused by the captain with remonstrances for his indifference and prayerlessness. So imminent and peculiar is the danger, that lots are cast to determine for whose sake the Divine displeasure rests upon them. The lot falls upon Jonah. At once he is beset with questions as to his race, country, occupation, reason for making the present voyage, etc. He frankly confesses himself a Hebrew, and a fugitive from the God "which hath made the sea and the dry land." His advice that he be cast into the sea to propitiate the Divine wrath is not complied with until the crew had made another fruitless effort to reach harbor; then, with many deprecating prayers, the prophet is cast into the sea, and the storm abates. Jonah disappears in the maw of a great fish appointed for the purpose, where for three days he is miraculously preserved alive, and then vomited up on dry land.

III. Expository.

1. 2. Now—in R. V., "and;" sometimes placed at the beginning of historical books to indicate connection or sequence, but also used inchoatively, as here, and in Ezek. 1: 1. Pusey alludes to this phrase, "And the word of the Lord came to," saying, "as 'striking together the pearls of great price' of the revelations... uniting in one the life of God's words and works, and blending the books of Holy Scripture into one divine book." The word of the Lord came, or, as it is sometimes said, "the word of the Lord was sent," is not used in the Bible as a mere sign of inspiration, which commanded him against his will. Jonah, the son of Amittai.—We learn, from 2 Kings 14: 25, that Jonah belonged to Gath-hepher, in Zebulun, a little town of a few miles north of Nazareth, now called El-Mesheh. Tradition, according to Jerome, assigns him to the reign of Jeroboam II.; an earlier tradition identifies him with the son of the widow of Zephran. Arise, go to Nineveh.—A stirring command to make a long journey so perilous and distasteful a mission. That great city.—The Assyrian capital was said to be from fifty to sixty miles in circumference, and to be the largest city in the world. Cry against it.—prophesy its destruction which it repents. Their wickedness is come up, etc.—that is, their wickedness is such as to demand My interposition. Some think of the degradation of Nineveh may be learned from the prophecy of Nahum, and from the sculptures which have been unearthed on its site.

The mission of Jonah was a fact of symbolic and typical importance, which was intended to enlighten Israel as to the position of the Gentile world in relation to the kingdom of God, and to typify the future adoption of the heathen as should observe the word of God, into the fellowship of the salvation prepared in Israel for all nations (Kell).

3. Rose up to flee unto Tarshish.—to the west instead of going to the east. Tarshish was rightly identified with Tartessus, the Phoenician colony in the south of Spain. Went down to Joppa.—a seaport about fifty miles away, where he would be more likely to find the vessel he wanted. Paid the fare.—fully committed himself to the voyage, and went on board. From the presence of the Lord.—twice repeated in the verse. As a prophet Jonah stood in the presence of Jehovah, heard His message, and transmitted them. In this act of deliberate self-will and disobedience, he attempted

to abdicate his prophetic office, and to abandon the land which was especially honored by Jehovah's presence.

As the Assyrian inscription states, Nineveh had already made war upon Israel, and as Jonah may have known, was destined to conquer it (Isaiah 37: 36; 38: 1-5). Commanded to call to repentance the country by which his own people—say, the people of God—were to be carried captive, he rebelled (Pusey).

4. 5. Lord sent out a great wind.—The sea is His, and He made it. "The stormy winds" fulfill His word. Mighty tempest—probably the Euraquilo, or "Leviathan." Ship like to be broken.—In danger of going to pieces or foundering. Cried every man unto his god.—Doubtless there were representatives of many heathen lands on board, and in each land there were many gods. Instinctively each cried to the god in whom he had the most confidence. Cast forth the wares.—the usual precaution of lightning ship. To lighten it.—R. V., "to lighten it unto thee." Jonah... down into the belly of the fish.—into the innermost parts of the ship. Into the hold, perhaps as near amidships as possible where he would not feel so much the motion, and where he could be alone. Was fast asleep.—weary, perhaps, with his rapid journey; exhausted by mental strife; reckless and perhaps remorseful by turns. While others in terror prayed, Jonah, fatigued by contending emotions, stupefied, perhaps, by the foul air below, and guiltily conscious that he had no longer a God to pray to, sunk to sleep.

It is a testimony against atheism that every man had a god, and had the belief of a god; but it is an instance of the folly of paganism that they had gods many, every man the god he had a fancy for; whereas there can be but one God, there needs be no more (Henry).—Jonah, lying like one stupefied, in a heavy sleep, in the dark hold of the ship, ready to founder in the deep, is a type of the desperate sinner who has no way from God and is in peril of eternal perdition, and yet unconscious of his danger (Wordsworth).

6. The shipmaster came to him.—Perhaps they were about to cast lots, and he was missed, and sought for; perhaps the captain, going below to see how the timbers were standing the strain, came across him sleeping while others prayed. What meanest thou, O sleeper?—Explain this skulking insensibility to the common danger, if thou canst. Call unto thy God.—strange words these from a heathen to a prophet! God will think upon us—hear our prayers, and grant us deliverance.

7. Let us cast lots.—a frequent resort in ancient times for the determination of a doubtful matter. It was an appeal to God to settle the doubt. Peruse notes that there is no allusion to its use in the New Testament after the Day of Pentecost. For whose cause.—The ancient Greek tragedy was founded on this idea—conscience attributing the storm to the Divine displeasure (Peloubet). The lot fell upon Jonah.—"The lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord" (Prov. 16: 33).

8. Tell us, we pray thee.—The behavior of these imperiled men was certainly commendable. Though threatened every moment with destruction, they do not at once fling the culprit overboard. They ply him with questions, try to get at the bottom of his misdoing, and even then make a last struggle for the safety of the ship before acting upon Jonah's self-condemnation advice. There must, also, have been something impressive in the prophet's manner and words, to have made them so reluctant to throw him into the sea.

These questions must have gone home to Jonah's conscience. "What is thy business?" The office of prophet which he had left. "Whence comest thou?" From standing before God as his minister. "What thy country, of what people art thou?" The people of God, whom he had quitted for heathen, not to win men to God, as he commanded, but, not knowing what they did, to abet him in his right (Kleinert).

9-11. I am a Hebrew.—"the name by which Israel was known to foreigners" (Pusey). I fear the Lord—that is, I am a worshiper of Jehovah. The word "fear" is to be taken in its religious sense, not in the popular sense of being afraid. God of heaven, etc.—not gods many, a god of the sea, a god of the land, etc., but the one God, the Maker and Ruler of sea, of land, and of heaven as well; an astonishing proclamation to these heathen inquirers. Men exceedingly afraid.—Jonah had told them that he was a fugitive from this mighty God, and the present peril convinced them that a God He must be. Why hast thou done this?—R. V., "What is this that thou hast done?"—more exclamatory than interrogative. What shall we do unto thee?—Even though he confessed himself a rebellious servant fleeing from God's presence, there was something so peculiar and awe-inspiring in this man that they appeal to him to instruct them what to do. The sea wrought and was tempestuous.—R. V., "The sea grew more and more tempestuous." Jonah's confession did not calm the tempest. "Its waves, battalions pursuing, demanded God's runaway slave" (Pusey).

12. Cast me forth into the sea.—a remarkable submission to what must have seemed inevitable fate. He would gain nothing by remaining on board and going down with the ship; while to do so would involve the innocent in his personal destruction. He calmly faced the issue: "It is I whom the storm is pursuing; cast me into the sea, and the danger will cease."

That Jonah does not cast himself overboard is a fact of symbolic and typical importance that abhors of suicide which distinguishes the heroism of the Bible as contrasted with that of heathenism; for it would be hard to imagine any combination of circumstances that should so plausibly justify the deed (Huxtable).

13-15. The men rowed hard.—literally, "dug with the oars." The wind was off shore; they could not beat to windward with sails; so they took to their oars—but in vain, the sea growing "more and more tempestuous." To bring it to the land.—R. V., "to get back to the land." Cried unto the Lord.—Ours could not prevail; Jonah must be sacrificed; but first these heathen call, not upon their own gods, but upon Jehovah, and deprecate the imputation to them of blood-guiltiness in the act which they are about to commit, and which was forced upon them by His providence. Thou, O Lord, hast done it as it pleased thee.—We recognize Thy hand in this tempest, and in the lot which designated Jonah as the cause of it, and in the condemnation which he has pronounced upon himself. Took up Jonah, etc.—not a murderer, but rather a solemn execution. The sea ceased.—"stood still;" an immediate sign of the Divine approval, and a deliverance from their danger.

And thus died Jonah. To them, at least, thus died Jonah, a criminal pursued by justice, yet a repentant and righteous man, in death triumphing over death. Here would the mariners' story end; the story does not end. Beneath the surface of the sea, in the entrails of the monster, was first class, and the attendance was very large, the net profits amount-

ing to \$484.56. It is by no means certain that the men of inland churches could be equally successful in such an undertaking; for many a Cape Codder has become an expert cook from long practice on board a vessel; while sewing on his own buttons and doing his own mending, on long voyages, have given many another such skill in the use of the needle as is not common among landmen. On the Sunday following, Rev. P. M. Vinton, a former pastor of this church, preached an able sermon to the great satisfaction of the multitude of his old friends who were present to hear him.

In the HERALD of March 18, "S. C. K.," of New Hampshire Conference, Concord District, has a paragraph entitled "Sunday-schools," to which let all New Bedford District say Amen!

At Acushnet earnest work is being done in improving the auditorium of their church.

At Falmouth the late quarterly conference were sure they could hope for no better pastor for next year than the present incumbent, Rev. H. C. Scripps.

At First Church, Fall River, on March 12, a sub-district Epworth League Convention was held. The attendance was large, and the services both interesting and profitable. No one can attend these meetings and not feel that this comparatively new organization of our young people is doing good work.

IV. Inferential.

1. God sends His servants sometimes on disagreeable errands.
2. Self-will makes us fugitives from God.
3. Our personal sins sometimes imperil the safety of others.
4. Runaways from duty must expect stormy experiences.
5. The prayers of heathen have often rebuked the somnolence or the indifference of those who profess to worship the true God.
6. From this indifference there is sometimes a rude awakening.
7. "Be sure your sin will find you out."
8. He who sincerely confesses his guilt will be anxious to save the innocent from sharing in his punishment, at whatever expense to himself.
9. God holds the seas "in the hollow of His hand."
10. "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

V. Illustrative.

1. That he should have been sent on such an errand of mercy to a great heathen city, is especially interesting as the first prominent expression of the Divine love to all mankind, found in the Old Testament. The very harshness and exclusive narrowness of the prophet himself heightens the charm of the narrative. God has pity on the great city although idolatrous, but Jonah is unwilling to carry a message of love outside his own nation. His very conceptions of the Almighty show the imperfect ideas of his time. He thinks to escape from Him by leaving Palestine for a region beyond the sea. And even when forced on his journey, his Jewish bigotry shows itself in his anger that a heathen population should have averted its threatened doom by a timely repentance (Geikie).

2. Explanations of the wonderful deliverance have often been vouchsafed. That there are sea-beasts that can swallow a man entire is beyond a doubt. The white shark, which sometimes measures thirty feet long, is quite able to do so. Captain King, in his "Survey of Australia," says that he caught one which could have swallowed a man with the greatest ease. Blumenbech even states that a whole horse was found in this kind of shark, and Basil Hall tells us that he discovered in one, beside other things, the whole skin of a buffalo, which had been thrown overboard a short time before. Kuyper says that the whole body of a man in armor has been taken from the stomach of such a shark. It is not uncommon in the Mediterranean, and is met with also in the Arabian Gulf and the Indian Ocean. It is affirmed by naturalists that sharks have the power of throwing up again, whole and alive, the prey they have seized. "I have heard," says Mr. Darwin, "from Dr. Allen of Forbes, that he has frequently seen a diodon (globe-fish) floating alive and distended in the stomach of a shark." But all this does not account for the facts related of Jonah. It is, in fact, impossible to explain them by merely natural means. Yet his preservation was certainly not more miraculous than that of Shadrach and his companions in the "burning fiery furnace" (Geikie).

The Conferences.

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The spring term of the Conference Seminary at Tilton opens auspiciously, with an unusually large number of students for the season.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

Dover District.
For the last three weeks the four Protestant churches in Great Falls—Free Baptist, Congregational, Baptist and Methodist—have united in union revival services for one week under direction of Evangelist Headley, and afterward led by the pastors. There is a wide spread interest in the town. Fifty have been converted, many being heads of families, and the interest is still on the increase. High St. Methodist Church is receiving a grand uplift. Evangelist Arthur Crane, now supplying the Free Baptist Church, is directing the meetings this week.

The work at South Newmarket the past year has prospered financially and spiritually. The repairs on church property, with the furnishings added to the parsonage, amount to nearly \$300. During the year twelve or more persons have professed conversion and started in the Christian life. The benevolence have been fully met, and the missionary collection will more than double the apportionment. At the last quarterly conference the pastor, Rev. B. O. Campbell, was unanimously invited to return another year. Last week Rev. J. W. Sanborn, A. M., of the Genesee Conference, and the adopted chief of the Seneca Indians, gave a masterly lecture about that people and the recent Indian troubles. Bro. Sanborn has learned their language, and owns the only Indian printing establishment in the United States. He has translated many of the Psalms, and last June, after twelve years' labor, he issued a hymn-book of about 120 pages. He is a master of his subject, and has recently spoken before the churches in New York and also before the Ministers' Association of that city.

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Review of the Week.

Tuesday, March 31.

Chief Justice Fuller's daughter was married to Archibald Lapham Brown, of Chicago.

Arguments were made at Concord, N. H., on Mr. Corbin's offer to buy the Concord road.

The conference of Labor organizations at Cincinnati in May means the organization of a third party.

In 62 years only 2,044 persons have been naturalized in Mexico. Of this number 146 were Americans.

The Coke strikers in the Connellsville region became riotous and destroyed much property of the company.

The natives of Assam rebel against the British, and fight a bloody battle. Seven of the British are reported missing.

An agreement was entered into between Havermayr and Spreckels that will end the latter's war on the Sugar trust.

Wednesday, April 1.

Marl Granville is dead.

The revolt in Assam is liable to give the British much trouble.

The death rate in Chicago in March was unprecedented, about 3,200.

The Australian Ballot bill passed the New Hampshire House yesterday.

The total number of bodies recovered from the Utopia wreck thus far is 322.

It is reported that fifty lives were lost in the great snow-storms of Colorado.

Riots continue in the Connellsville coke regions. Six women defy and stone officers, preventing arrests.

The New Hampshire Supreme Court decides that Mr. Corbin cannot purchase the State's interest in the Concord Railway.

It is said that several American vessels have registered under the British flag for the purpose of poaching on the ocean.

The price of sugar goes down to-day. It is estimated that there are 100,000 barrels of sugar in bond in Chicago that were released at mid-night.

In the Massachusetts Senate yesterday a bill was introduced prohibiting the use of stores in railway cars. The Woman Suffrage bill was defeated 9 to 2.

Mayor Gleason, of Long Island, who was imprisoned and fined last October for a brutal assault on a newspaper reporter, has again distinguished himself by assaulting a horse-car driver.

The directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Company have been indicted by a New York grand jury for misdemeanor in connection with the Fourth Avenue tunnel accident.

A sensation has been caused by the unexpected recall of the Italian Minister to this country. Baron Fava formally notified the President yesterday that his Government had instructed him to return home.

Thursday, April 2.

Ex-President McCosh celebrated his 80th birthday.

The Connecticut House adjourns until next November.

There was a lively naval fight in the harbor of Valparaiso.

Ground will be broken for the Grant monument April 27.

Blismarch's 76th birthday was observed at Friesland.

There was an increase of \$440,125 in the public debt in March.

The Maine Senate finds Judge Hamilton guilty of immoral habits.

The Maine legislature appropriates \$40,000 for the World's Fair expenses.

The International Monetary Conference is unable to agree on a college system.

Rev. Dr. Samuel T. Spear, a prominent New York clergyman and author, is dead.

The United States treasurer paid the governor of Maine the sum of \$367,702 in settlement of that State's direct tax claim.

Colonel Follen, who commanded the 24th Massachusetts when it was mobbed at Baltimore in 1861, died at Chicago of la grippe.

The correspondence between Secretary Blaine and the Italian Minister is published. In his reply to Baron Fava, Mr. Blaine virtually charges the Italian Minister with having misrepresented the facts to his Government.

Friday, April 3.

Brooklyn had a \$130,000 fire in its shoe district.

The Parnellites were beaten in yesterday's election in Silgo.

The daughter of ex-Secretary Bayard was married to Count Lowenkaupt, of Sweden.

Thomas C. Baring, member of Parliament and one of the famous Baring Brothers, bankers, died in Rome yesterday.

Gen. Booth has concluded negotiations by which he secures a large farm at Haddfield, in Essex, for his "home colony" experiment.

Eleven rioting miners were killed by deputies, while trying to storm the Standard Coke Works at Mt. Pleasant, Penn., and between 30 and 40 wounded.

Warner Miller's party that went to overlook the work on the Nicaragua Canal are reported wrecked about 100 miles northeast of the eastern terminus of the canal. All are reported safe.

The Cunard Steamship Company has made a contract with a shipbuilding firm on the Clyde for the construction of two steamships, each of 14,000 tonnage. The new vessels are designed to cross the ocean in five days.

All but four of the Italians who were killed at New Orleans were registered voters. One of the four has voted and two of the others were fugitives from Italy, where they had committed murders, leaving only one unaccounted for.

Saturday, April 4.

Gen. Booth is seriously ill.

The Connellsville coke region is guarded by State troops.

The Marine Corps is to have a school for technical instruction of officers and men.

Detestable O'Malley, accused of having killed the Kennedy party, surrenders himself in New Orleans.

Midnight services will be held over the body of Gen. Albert Pike next Thursday in Washington, and the church services on Friday.

One of the heaviest storms in the season occurred yesterday. Heavy snow in the season prevented telegraph poles and impeded railway travel. Many vessels were driven ashore.

Sunday, April 5.

Germany has ordered her whole Chinese squadron to Chile.

Senators Hoar and Dawes spoke before the Massachusetts Club.

Judge Hamilton, of Biddeford, has been deposed by the Maine governor.

Two of the new gunboats are named the "Lexington" and the "Machias."

The new cruiser "San Francisco" has been ordered to Chile and the "Charleston" to Honolulu.

The people of Nova Scotia are intensely indignant at the action of the Newfoundland Government in refusing to allow Canadian fishermen.

Tranquillity prevailed throughout the Pennsylvania coke region Sunday. The strikers generally spent the time in discussing the situation.

Snow fell at Birmingham and all over North Alabama yesterday. The fall was slight, but it was the first April snow in that vicinity in over forty years.

Some boys at Lowell started a blaze which destroyed two buildings and burned out four stores, the public library, the Masonic headquarters and a dozen other tenants; loss, \$150,000.

The State Department is informed that Mexico and San Salvador have accepted the invitation to participate in the World's Columbian Exposition, and will erect fine buildings for the display of the resources of their respective countries.

United States Consul Mollay at St. John's, N. F., has been instructed to charter a steamer

for the purpose of conveying Engineer Robert R. Peary, U. S. N., and exploring party to the west coast of Greenland for the purpose of undertaking a sledge journey northward with the object of reaching the North Pole.

DEDICATION.—The Methodist Church in Sanford, Maine, will be dedicated April 16, at 2:30 p. m. Bishop Mallien has been invited to preach the sermon. Brethren in the ministry are cordially invited to be present. J. M. WOODBURY.

THE CONFERENCE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. J. Lewis, of New London, lectured in the church in Colchester, March 11.

At the recent quarterly meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held in the Baptist Church in Jewett City, the principal address was given by Rev. R. S. Eldridge, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of that place. The meeting was a very profitable one. O. I. C. X.

Providence District.

Providence Leagues that are especially devoted to the spiritual interests of their church, may be of good service beyond their own locality. The League in the church at Bristol has been to Warren to help in revival work.

The church at Hill's Grove is prospering under the lead of Rev. A. Anderson. The Sunday-school has the largest membership in its history. Sunday, March 1, 2 were received by letter and 4 taken on probation. The quarterly conference unanimously requested Bro. Anderson's return for the third year.

The Providence Methodist Social Union met in Infantry Hall, Wednesday evening, March 18, President Manchester in the chair. About 80 members were present. Six new members were elected. The president announced as the topic of the evening, "The Church and its Relations." Rev. E. G. Wesley, of the Park St. Free Baptist Church, read a paper on "The Church in its Relations to the Community." His Excellency Gov. Davis was the next speaker, and gave a short address on "The Church in its Relations to the Community." Rev. J. H. Nutting, Chaplain of the State Institutions, then gave a paper on "The Church in its Relations to Reformatory Institutions." Mr. L. C. Eddy, who was to speak on "The Relations of the Church to Trade," was, at his request, excused on account of the lateness of the hour. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. F. Simons. The music was led by Dr. E. F. Small.

Pres. Andrews, of Brown University, gave a thoughtful address before the Providence Preachers' Meeting, Monday, March 17, on "The Bible as an Educator." Its one fault was, it was too short.

Rev. J. W. Webb, D. D., gave a rousing temperance address at the yearly meeting of the Providence W. C. T. U., Wednesday evening, March 25.

New Bedford District.

At Weymouth the parish has concurred with the quarterly conference in its action in favor of promptly building a new church in place of their, just burned by lightning. Steps of the new church are now being taken. The work of raising funds is placed in good hands and is well begun.

At East Haverhill, where the church was damaged by lightning last summer, repairs have been made, which are all paid for. The roof is now being shingled, the "Circle of Industry" furnishing money for that purpose.

First Church, Taunton.—The Sunday-school superintendent, Bro. Marcus A. Dary, who has lately returned from Florida, recently invited the Taunton-school board and a few other friends to spend an evening at his home. Most of the time was spent in a social way, besides which there were singing, a prayer by Dr. Dary, and a treat of oranges, brought from Florida by Bro. Dary, cake and coffee. This school is increasing in numbers and interest.

Grace Church, Taunton.—Closed a successful series of entertainments, on April 1, with the "Deceitful Skule." On that occasion the house was full, and all did their parts well.

Tubery. at the recent town meeting, voted unanimously against license, and made appropriation for the enforcement of prohibition. The town also refused to license billiard, pool or supple tables.

On the evening of Easter excellent and helpful concerts were given in very many of the churches in this district, some of them missionary concerts and others of the more usual character.

At East Haverhill the church is in a terrible broil, charges and counter-charges having been preferred against prominent members. One or more church trials are pretty sure to follow.

At Fourth Street Church, New Bedford, March 22, Rev. W. H. Allen, the pastor, gave a carefully-expressed, yet very pointed and truthful sermon on dancing. For this he may be sneered at by some, but pure-minded and thoughtful people will the more highly appreciate him for this unpopular and difficult, yet much-needed, work. W.

West Falmouth.—A series of meetings has just closed, which were held evenings for two weeks. The first three days Rev. M. B. Wilson, of Wood's Hill, and his amiable and devoted young wife, assisted the pastor. Bro. Wilson is a good preacher, and his sermons were much enjoyed by the people. Fortunately most excellent weather prevailed throughout, but unfortunately a number of the people were sick, among whom were some of the most efficient workers. The church has been much strengthened, and others have manifested an increasing interest by their attendance and serious attention. The pastor, Rev. L. H. Massey, is closing a year of hard work on the East and West Falmouth charge, but not without many tokens of the Divine mercy and favor toward the churches and himself.

MAINE CONFERENCE.

Portland District.

Kennebunk.—This charge has been served with great acceptability for the last three years by Rev. F. A. Braden. At the last quarterly conference the pastor's report showed an increase of 6 from probation, and 7 still on probation. One rose for prayers the previous Sunday evening. The Epworth League, consisting of 48 members, is flourishing and helpful. Collections are all taken.

Kennebunkport and Cape Porpoise.—Rev. F. Grover is closing his three years' pastorate here very encouragingly. All the interests of the church were well cared for; Epworth League work is being well done; benevolences are all attended to, and the spiritual life of the charge is rising. Bro. Grover's return was unanimously desired.

West Kennebunk.—Here the labors of Rev. J. Gibson are being much appreciated. An Epworth League of 25 members was organized Feb. 2, and the officers approved at the last quarterly conference. Though death

and removals are weakening the charge, the benevolence are being well kept up; the pastor, and presiding elder's salaries, and the bishops' will be paid also; and the spiritual life of the church is vigorous. Bro. Gibson's return is much desired.

Biddeford.—This is one of the liveliest, prayerfullest, and most aggressive churches of the district, and while demanding and needing extraordinary tact and talent, and making large drains both upon the mind and body, the heart and intellect, of the preacher, is being faithfully and acceptably served by Rev. E. O. Thayer. The Junior League of 67 members is being helped, and proving helpful, by aid to the church. During the quarter 5 have been received in full from probation, 3 by certificate, dismissed by letter, and 4 have died. Diligence of trade in the water power is affecting the income of the church; still it is determined that all bills shall be paid and all collections taken. Bro. Thayer's return is enthusiastically desired. One thousand dollars have been expended on improvement on church property.

South Biddeford Circuit.—This means three churches, Sunday travel of about twenty miles, and three sermons each Sabbath. A man of iron constitution is needed, and of indomitable will; yes, and of considerable self-denial. Well, we have him. Bro. W. H. Congdon has done this through the year, when weather has permitted, and comes out at the close vigorous in body, strong in heart, and if not with pockets well lined with silver, gold, or bank bills, still with enough to pay his bills, even upon a salary of three and a horse, with carriage and sleigh, to keep out of this small sum. Recent revival services have been fraught with good, and Bro. Congdon's return is desired.

Saco is one of the best and most law-abiding societies of the district, and under the guidance of its pastor, Rev. G. R. Palmer, has furnished for the quarterly conference the fullest reports from Sunday-school superintendents, leaders, committees, and trustees of any on the district. Two have been received in full from probation, one by certificate, and one dismissed by certificate. The leaders reported classes as well attended and spiritual; the superintendents the school as prospering; and the reports of the committees on missions, temperance, trade, Sunday-schools (\$60 worth of books added to library; 10 tract distributors engaged), were most instructive and inspiring. This first year of Bro. Palmer's pastorate here closes auspiciously. His return was unanimously desired, and doubtless it will please the Bishop to grant the request of the quarterly conference.

Goodwin's Mills.—Bro. Freeman made a good report of this charge, even though death on the one side and false doctrine on the other, seem remorseless. Three have died during the quarter, thus depleting numbers already few. The Epworth League is doing good work. Its aid financially has been timely and much appreciated, having raised \$127.15 toward current expenses. Eight have joined on probation. Money is raised for new library books. W. S. J.

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

Springfield District.

The year on this district has been fairly prosperous, notwithstanding three fair charges have been all the time destitute of pastors. Two charges have lost their pastors by death, and two others by their withdrawal from the church. There are at this date 25 pastors, 11 of whom preach at two or more places. Aside from the three small charges not able to sustain preaching, two others are temporarily destitute. We have 37 churches, owned in whole or in part by the M. E. Church, the same being valued at \$109,900. There are also 20 parsonages, the valuation of which is \$32,435. A small church at Cuttingsville has been rebuilt during the year, making it practically a new church. The debt upon the new church at Clout, amounting to nearly \$2,000, has been paid, and will possibly be paid by the time this reaches the Herald reader. Repairs have been made on the Springfield parsonage, rendering it quite attractive. There have been no extensive revivals, yet some good work has been done and some excellent fruit gathered. The pastors have been faithful to their work.

The two deceased ministers are J. G. Switzer, well known in Boston, and L. W. Brigham, a young man of large promise.

There are ten Epworth Leagues, most of which are doing good work. The best convention of Leagues, perhaps, as yet held in the Conference, recently occurred at Brattleboro, and was a great success.

The Claremont Junction camp-meeting was fairly well attended, and some good work was done; though, owing to interruptions by rain, and the regretted illness of Rev. G. W. Norris, presiding elder of the Claremont District, the results were not what had been hoped for. Quite noticeable improvements have been in the last year or two (under new leadership) been made upon the grounds, making them more attractive.

R. MORAN, Presiding Elder.

A very pleasant day has been spent at Williamsfield in the delightful home of Pastor Steele and family. The younger daughter, Miss Curtis, was just leaving for a position in Connecticut. Bro. Steele has spent three very laborious years on this charge spreading over parts of five towns. He has done faithful service, and will not fail of his reward; for if it falls in this life, it will not in the next.

At Wilmington the year is closing up very satisfactorily. Four weeks' revival meetings were held during 20 started in the heavenward way. Twelve have been received on probation, and eight by letter. A parish visit, besides being a very enjoyable time, left \$30 or more in Parson Tucker's pocket. And not being quite satisfied with their good deeds in this respect, his friends, about seventy in number, surprised him by marching into the parsonage on the fourth anniversary of his wedding day, and presenting him with an elegant plash chair and other choice gifts, which will be highly prized by the pastor and his wife. Mrs. Tucker is a fine singer, and is very helpful to her husband in all church

work. A musical was given under her direction a few days ago in the interest of the W. H. M. S., which was largely attended and very successful. A very cordial invitation was unanimously extended to Bro. Tucker to return for the fourth year.

The little charge at Jacksonville, where Bro. E. B. Harris has been "holding the fort" for two years, is having some new life infused into it, and is receiving some new members. The prospect for this place is considerably improved. For years the church there has struggled against serious difficulties, which appeared all but insurmountable, and though not all removed, we yet hope that the dawn of a brighter day is breaking upon it.

The last quarterly meeting for Brattleboro, just held, was pronounced the best of the year. A very harmonious quarterly conference extended to Bro. A. H. Webb a most cordial invitation to return another year. Rev. E. S. Thayer, a supernumerary member of the Vermont Conference, and who on account of imperfect health has for several years resided in Wardsboro, has recently purchased for himself a beautiful residence in Brattleboro. Greatly respected and loved at his former residence, he has now been received by the Brattleboroans with every mark of considerate kindness, and without doubt will be very useful to the church. Easter Sunday, which was a perfect day, brought a fine congregation to the sanctuary. The church was tastefully decorated, and it seemed as though a breath from heaven had reached us. An Easter Sunday-school concert was given in the evening, Supt. Bagg giving general direction, and Bro. C. E. Westgate directing the music. Two most enjoyable days were spent at the parsonage in the reception of a most delicate hospitality from the pastor and his delightful family. M.

Prosperity is reported on Jacksonville charge. Under the faithful labors of the pastor, Rev. E. B. Harris, the church has been greatly strengthened in its spiritual condition and the foundation laid for a work of grace, while the church building has been repaired to the value of \$135. For several weeks Rev. C. H. Kenney, evangelist, has been assisting in revival efforts, and the church has taken advanced steps, backsliders have been reclaimed, and several souls have professed conversion. On Sunday, March 22, at quarterly meeting, several received the ordinance of baptism and others united with the church by letter and from profession. The outlook is good for the future for this church. Efficient assistance has been rendered during the services by Rev. Solomon Fairbank, a young local preacher of Heath, Mass., and Rev. C. A. Caber, pastor of the Wesleyan Church, Readsboro, Vt.

Montpelier District.

The presiding elder reports a good interest at Rochester, seven young people having started for the kingdom.

On the last Sunday in March a goodly number were received into full membership at Williamstown.

Rev. C. W. Ross has preached his farewell sermon at Greenville and Hancock, having come to Chelsea, where he will open a joint printing office, supplying the church at Chelsea on the Sabbath.

In giving a report of the convention of the Montpelier District W. H. M. S. at Barre, a local paper says that great credit is due to Mrs. A. J. Hough for the very careful and successful manner in which she "worked up" the meeting in advance, she being the district president.

Rev. W. S. Smithers is closing the first year of his pastorate in Barre. It has been a time of peculiar hardship for both pastor and people, yet as Conference draws near it finds the church in a more prosperous condition than at the beginning of the term, with a large Sunday-school which is doing good work, a fine Epworth League, interesting social meetings, and the hearts of the people firmly attached to their pastor. Bro. Smithers has shown a seal for the work of the Master, a fearlessness in denouncing wrong, doing whether in the church or out of it, a sweet Christian charity and patience when wronged, and tact and discretion in trying circumstances, that are very rare, and which have won the respect of all classes of people. His return is earnestly desired by a majority of the church and people.

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The funeral of Bro. W. P. Bell, who died at Craftsbury, St. Johnsbury District, was attended at the church at Morrisville in the afternoon of Wednesday, March 18; and he was buried in the family lot in that place, where he had previously labored as pastor for three years. His presiding elder was not present. Presiding Elder Boutwell, of the St. Albans District, was present and eight St. Albans brethren in the ministry. Rev. W. H. Worthen, of Hardwick, preached an appropriate and eloquent sermon, followed by eulogistic remarks by others. A full obituary notice of his life and labors will appear later.

Bro. L. W. Brigham, a supply at Thetford, on the Springfield District, died at his home in St. Albans on Saturday, March 14, of consumption. Bro. Brigham was greatly respected and loved by a multitude of the associates and friends of his youth. A fine-spirited and gifted young man, who promised a long life of usefulness to the church, has gone out from among us. But he died in great peace, giving as his experience in the dying hour the 8th chapter of Romans. He was supplying a charge at Thetford, and at the same time pursuing a course of study at Dartmouth College, which excessive labor many think was the occasion of his death. The funeral service was conducted at the home of his father by Bro. Baxendale, of whose church at St. Albans Bay was a member. He delivered a very able and appropriate discourse upon the work of the Christian minister as applied to the life and purposes of the deceased. Bro. Ford, of Milton, a former pastor on that charge, who received Bro. Brigham into the church, assisted largely in the service. Several other brethren in the ministry were present.

A sub-district Epworth League convention was held at Enosburgh Falls, four churches being represented. The convention was pronounced a great success, with plenty of enthusiasm. A new League has been organized in Georgia, under Pastor Knapp, also at West Berkshire, Highgate and Fairfax. This makes fourteen chapters on the district thus far. The Leagues are being recognized wherever they have been organized, not as a mere social and literary society, but as a means of spiritual power and evangelism among the young.

The work on the West Berkshire and South Franklin charge, under Pastor Robinson, has been continued at South Franklin, the pastor holding his own meetings with the assistance of the membership of the church. It has been almost a continuous revival since December in one part of the charge or the other. Here is an instance of what can be done with a consecrated church working in hearty accord with the pastor week after week without being "weary in well-doing."

The work at Franklin, under Pastor Story, has resulted in a grand success, the results to be reported later.

At Milton Boro several were received into the church on probation last Sunday, and 14 baptized, as a result of the revival there this winter. Other candidates are waiting to receive the ordinance. Pastor Ford has great reason to be encouraged.

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